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**AG Balderas Announces Additional Charges Against Man  
Previously Accused of Recording Sexual Abusing A Child**

*ALBUQUERQUE, NM*---Today, Attorney General Hector Balderas announced that additional charges of child exploitation have been filed against Jordan Padilla. Padilla had previously been charged with multiple counts of criminal sexual penetration of a child under 13 years of age, false imprisonment, and sexual exploitation of children among other charges. After successfully detaining Mr. Padilla, the New Mexico Office of the Attorney General continued investigating for other potential crimes of sexual exploitation of children.

“Children deserve the full protection of the law,” said Attorney General Balderas. “Our office will continue to zealously pursue justice in cases involving the sexual exploitation of children.”

Padilla will continue to remain in custody awaiting trial because the court granted the Attorney General’s motion for pretrial detention on his prior case. Trial in that case is currently set for June 21, 2021. The charges contained in the indictment and the new indictment are allegations; a person is presumed innocent unless and until he or she is proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law. If convicted, Mr. Padilla faces 130 years of potential incarceration on the new charges.

This case was investigated by the New Mexico Office of the Attorney General. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant Attorneys General Caitlin Dillon and Mark Probasco. To report missing children or child sexual exploitation material, call the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) at 1-800-THE-LOST (843-5678) or through their Cybertipline at <https://report.cybertip.org/index.htm>. For more information regarding the Office of the Attorney General’s Internet Crimes Against Children Unit or for more information about how to report suspected child exploitation see <https://www.nmag.gov/internet-crimes-against-children.aspx>.

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